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Re: U.S. Patent No. 6,173,267, issued January 19, 2001

Applicant: Laurie Cairns

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Mail Stop Petition **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Fax: (703) 872-9306

Sir:

Transmitted herewith via facsimile is a PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT under 37 CFR 1.378(c). Authorization is given to charge Deposit Account No. 14-1131 in the amount of \$2,540.00 (Two Thousand fivehundred fourty and 00/100 dollars) to cover the 3.5 year Maintenance fee of \$900.00 and the petition/surcharge fee of \$1640.00.

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I certify that this document and fee authorization (4 pages total) is being transmitted via facsimile to the Office of Petitions at (703) 872-9306 on January 11, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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